



29 January 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Music in 2021

We extend our best wishes to all IGS families for a successful start to the new school year.

The Music Department will continue to offer IGS students a diverse and rich range of opportunities across both our curricular and extra curricular Music programs. With approximately 600 students learning an instrument every week and over 30 ensembles to choose from, IGS students will have every opportunity to continue unlocking their music potential in 2021.

To ensure a smooth start to the year, a number of important details relating to tuition and ensemble rehearsals are outlined below.

Private Tuition and Ensemble Enrolment

We are streamlining our Music enrolment processes this year to make it easier to find information, apply for private lessons and enrol in an ensemble. **Please note Engage will no longer be used for ensemble enrolments.** Students who are not currently taking private lessons or participating in an ensemble can now make their selection using the online Music Application Form [here](#). Once the online [Music Application Form](#) is completed, parents will be contacted by their child's allocated tutor to organise a lesson time. If you are already signed up or continuing in the same ensemble as last year there is no need to re-enrol, just let us know if you plan to stop with a Term's notice.

Year 4 and 5 students are automatically enrolled into the Instrumental Program (see below).

In summary, please use the [Music Application Form](#) if you want to:

- learn a new instrument and have private, group or musicianship lessons
- join an ensemble
- join a different ensemble from last year

It is expected that students completing Music as an elective will undertake private tuition and participate in an ensemble to achieve the best possible outcome in their Music studies. For further information regarding the benefits of learning an instrument privately, please contact a staff member in the Music Faculty (below).

Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule

Refer to the Ensemble schedule [here](#) for a detailed overview of rehearsal times in 2021.

Year 4 and 5 Co-Curricular Instrumental Program

Please note all Year 4 and 5 IP tutorials and rehearsals involving Bands, String Ensembles and Music Explorer will commence the week beginning Monday 1st February (Week 2), with the exception of Year 4 and 5 Training Band rehearsal which will begin in Week 3 on Tuesday 9 February from 7:30am. Please refer to the rehearsal schedule [here](#) for specific Year 4 and 5 IP rehearsal and tutorial times. All rehearsals and tutorials will take place in the Music rooms on Level 3 of the Kelly Street building.

Please note Year 5 will finish school at 3.35pm every Monday from the 1st February and Year 4 will finish school at 3.35pm every Tuesday from the 2nd February. Children will come to the front of the school for collection from 3.40pm.

Extra Curricular Ensemble Commencement Dates

All extra curricular ensemble rehearsals will commence from Week 3, beginning Monday 8 February. This includes Junior Orchestra, all Choirs and Vocal Groups, IGS Sax Ensemble, Sound Lounge, IGS Percussion Ensemble, Sarasate Strings, Paganini Strings, Kelly Street Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Orchestra, Senior Orchestra, Primary Guitars, Mojo Xylos, Senior String Ensemble, Senior Woodwind Ensemble, Senior Brass Ensemble. Please refer to the attached ensemble rehearsal schedule [here](#) for all rehearsal times.

COVID-19 and Music at IGS

In 2021 we are pleased to offer students at IGS the full breadth of Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles. Please refer to our ensemble schedule above for further details. As per NSW Health guidelines, the following measures will be implemented to limit the spread of infection during all ensemble rehearsals and classroom Music lessons:

General precautions

- students will use sanitiser upon entering and exiting classrooms and practice rooms
- lessons and rehearsals will take place in well-ventilated classrooms
- when indoors, rehearsals will take place in age cohorts such as Stages
- instruments and equipment for general use will be cleaned before and after use

Choirs and Vocal Ensembles

- all group singing will be limited to five students at a time
- all vocalists will face the same direction with a distance of 5 metres to be maintained between the group of singers and any person in front of them (including staff, students and audience)
- all vocalists will be positioned 1.5 metres apart from each other
- there will be no limit to the number of singers rehearsing together when outdoors, provided vocalists are positioned 1.5 metres apart from each other

Bands

- musicians will be positioned 1.5 metres apart from each other
- multiple rooms will be used to divide rehearsals into smaller groups to ensure adequate distancing can be maintained where required
- 3 metres of space will be maintained between the direction of airflow from non-reeded woodwind instruments and other musicians

Strings Ensembles

- all musicians will be positioned 1.5 metres apart from each other

Private tuition

- tutors and students will be positioned 1.5 metres apart

Classroom Music lessons

- students will be encouraged to refrain from making physical contact during movement activities
- students in Primary school will be permitted to take part in singing and chanting activities in well-ventilated spaces

For further details regarding the Music Department's COVID safe plan, please contact me via the email address below.

Key Contacts

For any Music enquiries, please contact the relevant member of staff below. If you have any questions relating to your child's enrolment into private tuition please contact Cate Sheahan.

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We look forward to welcoming your child back to School in 2021.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Nik Glass

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